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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re calls by subject, Highway 10, Texas

ReDLtel, 5/1/68.

Subscriber to telephone number [redacted], Nordheim, Texas, is L.W. KARNEI, [redacted] Nordheim. AMELIA KARNEI advised she was called by her daughter, GLADYS MUELLER HAMILTON, [redacted], Alpine, Texas on or about 12/17/67. Mrs. KARNEI was shown the picture of JAMES EARL RAY and stated other than seeing this photo on television she was not familiar with him.

Subscriber to telephone [redacted], Victoria, Texas, is [redacted], Victoria. [redacted] stated the only person from whom she could have received a long distance phone call in December was a man named [redacted] who is a truck driver and frequently calls her from cities throughout the state. [redacted] was shown the picture of RAY and stated she did not know him.

GARY E. SMITH, currently residing at the Christopher Motel, Victoria, was shown the photo of JAMES EARL RAY. SMITH stated that he takes the Birmingham to Atlanta flight every other week and he cannot at this time say that he has ever seen JAMES EARL RAY on that flight.

Telephone number [redacted] was called from Alpine, Texas on 12/17/67.

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DELORES SANTOS, [redacted] Houston, Texas, advised that the above phone call is as reference to a phone call that she received from JULIO CESAR ESPARZA, student, Sulross State College, Alpine, Texas. She was displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka and advised that the person is unknown to her.

Telephone number [redacted] was called from Alpine, Texas on 12/15/67.

GEORGE BANKS, Negro, advised that while in Alpine, Texas in December, 1967 he called Mr. ARTHUR BANKS, [redacted] Houston, Texas. GEORGE BANKS at that time was en route from Seattle, Washington to Houston, Texas. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka were displayed to BANKS, however this person is unknown to him.

Mr. ARTHUR L. FUNK, [redacted], Houston, subscriber to telephone number [redacted], advised that in December, 1967 he received a telephone call from his sister from Sanderson, Texas at which time she was enroute from El Cajon, California to Houston. He advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, aka is unknown to him.

JAMES E. CLARK, [redacted], advised that in December, 1967, Mr. BILL EVANS, neighbor of CLARK, telephoned his, EVANS' wife at the CLARK residence. EVANS is a truck driver. When EVANS is on the road he calls his wife at the CLARK residence. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to CLARK and he advised these photographs were unknown to him.